

## BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

### May 21, 2020

#### Reminders

##### **Flexibility on direct install measures -**

BPA is providing temporary guidance on its direct install measures due to limitations created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Until the end of calendar year 2020, BPA will allow measures eligible for the direct install distribution channel to be documented remotely... [More](#)

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##### **Hemp in the Energy Efficiency Program -**

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing production of industrial hemp on October 29, 2019. This rule requires states and tribal entities to submit a plan for USDA approval prior to implementation. Based on this change in the rules governing hemp, BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp associated load from our energy-efficiency program in states where such activities have received USDA approval.... [More](#)

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##### **Updated Options 1 and 2 Custom Project Calculators now available -**

New versions of the custom project calculators are available on bpa.gov. A custom measure for the retrofit version of the residential heat pump water heater measure were added to the latest versions. In addition, a bug was corrected in the Option 2 Custom Project Calculator relating to the Cost Cap formula in the Funding and Input Summary tab. An error was discovered in a formula that would cause the calculations to fail when using residential custom measures. The prior versions of these calculators (O1 v5.1 and O2 v4.0) can still be reported to BPA; however, BPA suggests using O1 v5.11 and O2 v4.01.

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